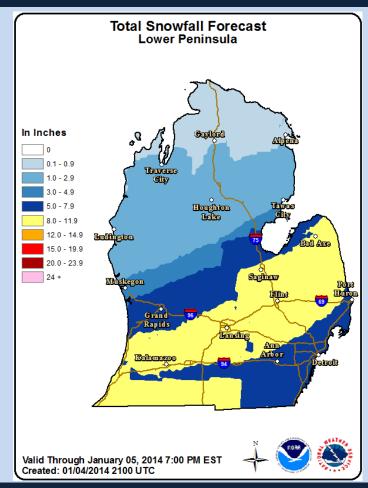


## Winter Storm and Bitter Cold







## **Event Summary**

**Rare Weather for Lower Michigan** 

**Dangerously Cold Wind Chills** 

**Accumulating Snow and Blowing Snow** 

**Highest Amounts in Southern Michigan** 

**Hazardous Travel Expected** 

Created: Saturday, January 04, 2014 – 5:00 PM



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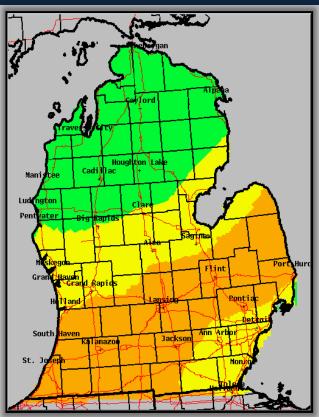




## **Winter Storm Expected**







## This is Rare Weather For Lower Michigan

## Greatest Impacts Expected Over Southern/Southeast Michigan Sunday and Sunday Night

Detroit, Flint, Lansing, Jackson, Kalamazoo

#### **Lesser Impacts Expected**

North of Muskegon and Mt. Pleasant

Immediate – Life Saving Action	Extremely Life Threatening Everything Will be Shut Down Possibly for Days or Weeks	
Be Prepared – Major Actions	Expect Dangerous Conditions Expect Major Disruption of Normal Activities	
Be Aware – Minor Actions	Caution – Especially When Travelling Plan to Be Inconvenienced	
Little to No Action	Little to No Impact on Daily Life Plan on Minor Inconvenience	

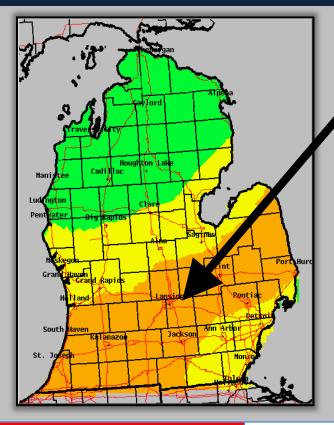
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Near Certain		
Better than 50/50 Chance		
Unlikely		



## **Winter Storm Expected**

## **Tonight Through Sunday Night**





Including: Jackson, Lansing, Kalamazoo,
Battle Creek

#### **Expected Impacts**

Dangerous Travel – Very Slow Speeds With Numerous Accidents, Closures

Blowing and drifting snow Sunday night

Visibility Less Than a Few Car Lengths

**Event Cancellations and Flight Delays** 

#### **Possible Impacts**

**Extended Road Closures into Monday** 

#### Snow

6" – 12" expected, locally up to 14" Heaviest Sunday Afternoon/Evening

#### Ice Accumulation

**None Expected** 

#### **Temperatures and Wind**

Lows Tonight 20-25; Sun Night 0-5 Above Highs Sunday: Low to Mid 20s Winds: Increasing North 10-20 MPH, gusts 25-35 MPH Sunday night

#### Immediate - Life Saving Action

**Be Prepared – Major Actions** 

**Be Aware - Minor Actions** 

**Little to No Action** 

#### **Extremely Life Threatening**

Everything Will be Shut Down Possibly for Days or Weeks

#### **Expect Dangerous Conditions**

Expect Major Disruption of Normal Activities

#### Caution - Especially When Travelling

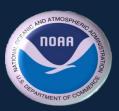
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#### Little to No Impact on Daily Life

Plan on Minor Inconvenience

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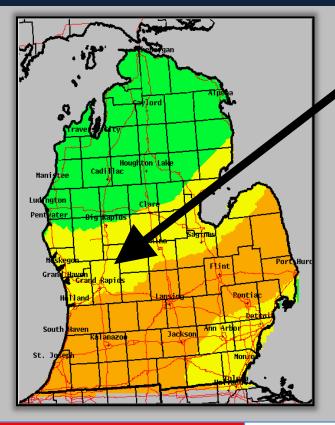
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## Winter Weather Expected

## **Tonight Through Sunday Night**





Including: Grand Rapids, Muskegon, Alma, Mount Pleasant

#### **Expected Impacts**

Hazardous Travel – Very Slow Speeds Numerous Accidents

Blowing and Drifting Snow Sunday
Night

Visibility Less Than a Few Car Lengths

#### **Possible Impacts**

**Event Cancellations Flight Delays** 

#### Snow

4"-8" expected

#### Ice Accumulation

**None Expected** 

#### **Temperatures and Wind**

Lows Tonight 20-25; Sun Night 0-5 Above Highs Sunday: Low to Mid 20s Winds: Increasing North 10-20 MPH, gusts 25-35 MPH Sunday night

#### Immediate - Life Saving Action

**Be Prepared – Major Actions** 

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**Little to No Action** 

#### **Extremely Life Threatening**

Everything Will be Shut Down Possibly for Days or Weeks

#### **Expect Dangerous Conditions**

**Expect Major Disruption of Normal Activities** 

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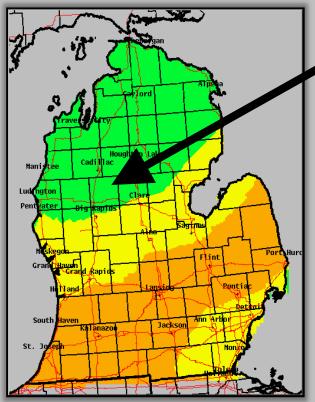
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## Winter Weather Possible

### **Tonight Through Sunday Night**





#### **Including: Ludington, Reed City, Clare**

#### **Expected Impacts**

Occasional Slippery Roads Brief Travel Slowdowns Quick Changes in Visibility

#### **Possible Impacts**

Brief Lane Closures Due to Accidents School or Business Delays

#### **Snow**

1"-3", locally up to 4"

#### Ice Accumulation

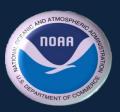
**None Expected** 

#### **Temperatures and Wind**

Lows Tonight Teens; Sun Night Zero
Highs Sunday: Teens
Winds Light, Becoming Northwest 1020 MPH Sunday Afternoon and Night

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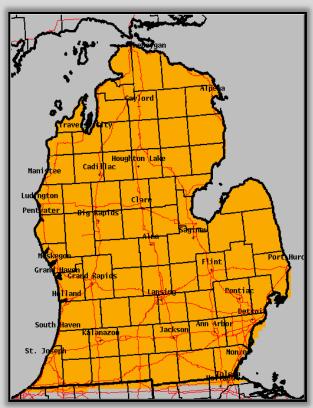
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## **Dangerous Cold Expected**







This is Rare Weather For Lower Michigan

**Dangerously Cold Wind Chills** 

Wind Chills At 25 Below or Colder

**Statewide** 

**Lake Effect Snow and Blowing Snow** 

Northern and Western Lower Michigan

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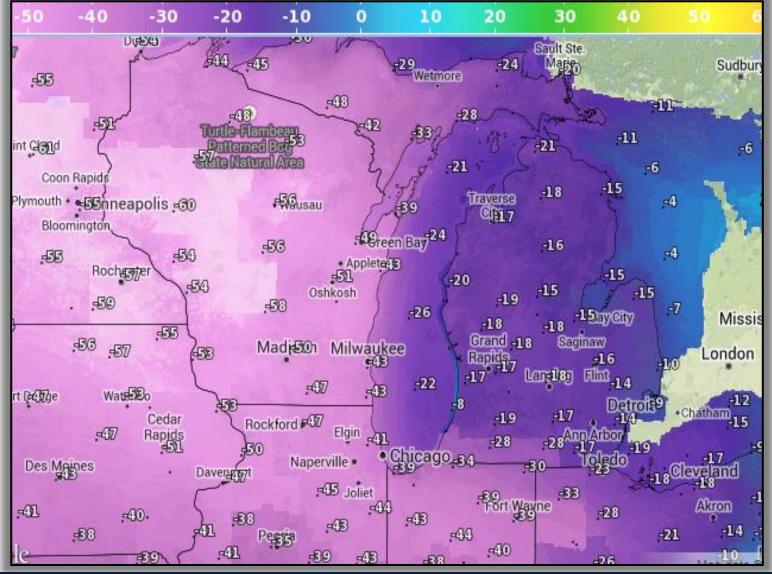
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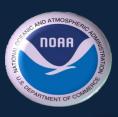


## **Dangerous Cold Expected**



## **Monday Morning**

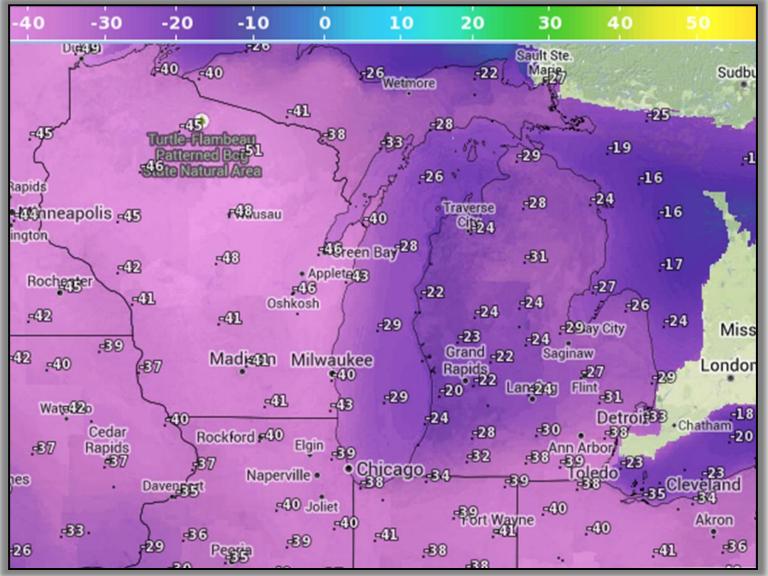




## **Dangerous Cold Expected**



## **Tuesday Morning**





## For Additional Information



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#### **Winter Weather Briefing Slides**

www.weather.gov/grandrapids/webinars

#### **Regional Weather Radar Loop**

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#### **Additional Winter Forecast Information**

http://go.usa.gov/RE6

#### **Hazard Summary Page**

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